

MNMM Fatal 2007-18

- Falling Powered Haulage Accident
- July 24, 2007 (Oregon)
- Sand & Gravel Operation
- Plant Superintendent
- 57 years old
- 27 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when the haul truck he was operating crossed a bridge, struck a guard rail, and landed in the river below. He was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.



Causal Factor

Management policies and procedures were inadequate and failed to ensure that drivers maintained control of mobile equipment.

The truck's tire struck the guard rail and lost air, causing the truck to leave the bridge.

Best Practices

- Ensure that pre-operational checks are conducted to identify and correct any defects that may affect the safe operation of self propelled mobile equipment.
- Ensure that adequate berms of mid-axle height are provided for roadways where a drop off exists.
- Ensure that widths of roadways are appropriate to safely accommodate the widest vehicles traveling over them.
- When approaching and before proceeding on narrow roadways, reduce speed and proceed slowly.